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SUBJECT: GDR NOTE ON EXTENSION OF CONVENTION ON THE  
HIGH SEAS TO WEST BERLIN

REF: STATE 124548

1. GDR NOTE ON EXTENSION OF CONVENTION ON THE HIGH  
SEAS TO WEST BERLIN DISCUSSED AT JULY 2 BONN GROUP  
MEETING. FON OFF REP (KASTRUP) TABLED FOLLOWING  
FRG DRAFT FOR ALLIED REPLY.

BEGIN TEXT

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ... TAKES NOTE OF THE COMMUNI-  
CATION FROM THE GDR AND ASSUMES THAT FOR ITS PART THE  
GDR RAISES NO OBJECTION AGAINST THE EXTENSIONS OF THE  
... TO THE WSB IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED  
PROCEDURES AND THAT IT THEREFORE REGARDS THE APPLICATION  
OF THE ... TO THE WSB AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH THE  
QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971, WHICH  
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SPECIFICALLY ENDORSES THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IN

ANNEX IV A AND B. AS REGARDS THE STATEMENT ON THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE GDR, THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ... SHOULD LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FULL TEXT OF PART II B OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE TIES BETWEEN THE WSB AND THE FRG WILL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT. END TEXT'

2. BRITISH REP (CROMARTIE) SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ALLIED REPLY WHICH DID NOT AT LEAST INDIRECTLY IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF A GDR ROLE IN DISCUSSING AND INTERPRETING THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. CROMARTIE ADDED HE SAW ONLY SIGNIFICANT GAIN TO ALLIES FROM REPLY AS CORRECTING AN INCOMPLETE CITATION BY THE GDR OF THE TERMS OF THE QA. THIS ADVANTAGE, HE BELIEVED DID NOT OUTWEIGH POTENTIAL DISADVANTAGES.

3. US AND FRENCH REPS GENERALLY ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THIS BRITISH VIEW, AND NOTED ANY REPLY WOULD HAVE TO RESULT IN MORE POSITIVE GAIN FOR ALLIED POSITION THAN WAS AT FIRST GLANCE APPARENT.

4. KASTRUP SAID HE BELIEVED OBJECTIONABLE PART OF GDR NOTE SHOULD BE REBUTTED. NOT TO DO SO, HE ARGUED, WOULD CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF A CLEARLY ERRONEOUS GDR VIEW. CROMARTIE REPLIED HE WOULD PERSONALLY SEE NOTHING AGAINST AN FRG REPLY TO THE EAST GERMANS ALONG LINES ABOVE WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING ALLIED LETTER. COMMENT: KASTRUP INDICATED HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THIS ALLIED REACTION. HE SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO THE SUBJECT AT A LATER TIME, AND WE EXPECT HE MAY WELL DO SO. WE SAID WE WOULD CONSIDER FURTHER FRG ARGUMENTS IF (AND WHEN) THEY WERE PRESENTED TO US. HILLENBRAND

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